Looking Ahead

Earlier this year, my world fell apart. I lost my friends, my fans, and opportunities I could've only ever dreamed of. But sometimes things *need* to fall apart in order to rebuild them back better. I'm choosing to look on the bright side. I needed something to break me out of my cycle of working all day everyday, and adjust my lifestyle for a healthier work life balance. This was a long overdue reminder that the friends I've made should've been the most important thing in the world to me, and I should've put more time and energy into my relationships with them outside of the work we did together. They were supposed to be by my side even when I'm not Sinder anymore, and I lost sight of that in my never ending pursuit of the next big thing. It forced me to recognize that through my own actions or inaction I was hurting people that only ever wanted the best for me. If ever given the chance, I don't plan on making that mistake again. Despite everything that's happened, I forgive my friends. I don't hold anything against my friends who weren't involved, the artists I've worked with, business partners, and former mods for anything they did after this all happened, and I'm sorry for how they were affected by all of this.

I've had more than enough time to think everything over, over and over again. Obviously, the root cause of almost everything that happened was because of poor communication, between Red and I, between me and my friends, and between them and me, and poor decisions made under pressure. I was under pressure from Red about his feelings about Bao that made me distance myself from her, pressure on myself that made me choose VCard over going to Numi's concert, and pressure from harassment and my insecurities that led to trying to cut off Silvervale from Nano's models. Red and I both had plenty of time to talk things out with people, and neither of us did. Everything that was made public could've been settled privately. This has set an awful precedent for the entirety of the vtuber community, which I feel has become more divisive and drama filled since this happened. I've always had problems communicating with people. I will do my best to be more open about what I'm thinking and feeling to them, even if it's difficult, to avoid any other situations like this from ever happening again. Red and I have both made mistakes. We aren't perfect people, but we aren't evil either. We're going to try to contact anyone we owe an apology to personally, even if an apology to them was in this document, and hope to move on.

I don't blame the internet for being the internet, making memes at my expense, and countless news and drama channels farming this for views. It's just business, and this is just another Google doccy. But I didn't want to hide from this for the rest of my life, and I couldn't let my legacy be decided by anyone other than myself. Now there's nothing else for me to say and I can finally look ahead. I'm ready to return to doing what I love, even if it's on a smaller scale. I want to stream again. I want to create again. I want to inspire people again. I want to be someone people can look up to again. I love being a vtuber, and I love being Sinder. Thank you for reading, and thank you for waiting.